

Testimony of Karen Laski, 279 Fern St. Manchester, CT 06040

**For SB 253 "An Act Concerning Revisions to the Animal Importation Statutes"**

I am currently a board member of "CT Votes for Animals" and many years ago I was very involved in rescue of dogs and cats through the "CT Animal Welfare League".

I believe that the revisions to the Animal Importation Statutes are of vital importance to the rescue community and that the requirements (before the revisions) of vet care within 48 hours and the need for a costly vet certificate are horribly burdensome and unnecessary to maintain the health of an animal who is transferred into Connecticut.

If the revisions take place, rescuers will still be required to vet imported animals in a timely fashion and present detailed health records.

**Please support SB 253 so that rescue organizations can continue their important work without excess hardships.**

Thank you.

Karen Laski